

Local Work Group development of local EQIP

Meeker County Soil and Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

**Water Resource Protection
Erosion Control
Grazing
Wildlife Habitat
Forest Management
Air Quality**

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Regions of concern include all watersheds in the county with the Crow the most noted because a majority of the county is in the Crow River Watershed. Concerns were also expressed for all areas of the county with ideas to target practices within 1 mile of Lakes and streams along with Cedar, Greenleaf and Sioux lakes.

Group decided not to target any one area of the county.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

**1. Water Resource Protection
2. Erosion Control
3. Grazing
4. Wildlife Habitat
5. Forest Management
6. Air quality**

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Is Existing MNFarm Non-Compliant?
2. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Is Existing MNFarm 10 or more?
3. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Is Existing MNFarm 25 or more?
4. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Will proposed practice reduce Nutrients from leaving the site?
5. NON-POINT POLLUTION- Will proposed practice reduce Sediment from leaving site?
6. SOIL EROSION- Is existing soil loss over 1 ton/acre/year on fields where soil erosion is being addressed?
7. SOIL EROSION- Is existing soil loss over 5 tons/acre/year on fields where soil erosion is being addressed?
8. GRAZING SYSTEMS- Will the new grazing system have a minimum of 6 paddocks per herd grazed?
9. WILDLIFE HABITAT/FORESTRY- Does the project to improve habitat include one of the following practices: 327, 338, 380, 391, 395, 612, 643, 644, 645, 647, 657 or 666?

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

1. 5 points
2. 5 points
3. 7 points
4. 5 points
5. 5 points
6. 5 points
7. 7 points
8. 10 points
9. 10 points

6. Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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Chair, Local Work Group	Date